



# *The Georgia Senate This Week*

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## **Senate loses a dear friend in Frank Eldridge**

*L*ongtime Secretary of the Georgia Senate **Frank Eldridge, Jr.**, died early Saturday morning (February 4, 2006) of an apparent heart attack. He was 73.

Governor **Sonny Perdue** ordered flags on the State Capitol building and grounds be flown at half-staff in memory of Mr. **Eldridge** on Monday – the day of his funeral.



*“Frank Eldridge devoted a lifetime of service to the people of Georgia,” said Governor **Sonny Perdue**. “He was a true servant leader, who earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the public he served with such dedication*

*for over forty years. I considered him a trusted friend and often sought his wise counsel when I served in the Georgia Senate and as Governor. **Mary** and I treasured his friendship and we offer our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers for his family.”*

Nearly every Senator and many former Senators traveled to Waycross on Monday to pay their final respects to a man who served the Georgia Senate in many ways. A former State Senator from Waycross, Mr. **Eldridge** served as the Senate’s administrative officer and unofficial parliamentarian for nearly 14 legislative sessions. Initially hired under former Lt. Governor **Pierre Howard**, **Frank** retained his position under Lt. Governor **Mark Taylor** and Senate President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**“Frank Eldridge** was the true definition of a public servant. He dedicated his life to the people of Georgia by serving on the Public Service Commission, the State Senate and was elected by his peers to serve as the Secretary of the Senate,” Sen. **Johnson** said Saturday.

“Every morning he arrived early at the state capitol in his old red pick-up truck, ready to do what was best for the members of the state Senate. He was a loyal friend who loved to share

stories of the old days in the General Assembly and was wise beyond his years on the way the Senate should run. He loved to fly his plane and today, he has started a new flight, one with his Lord. His wife and family are in my prayers. **Frank** will be missed and the state Senate will never be the same."

Mr. **Eldridge** served as a State Senator from 1965 until 1982, when, he often said, he left elective office due to illness.

"The voters were sick of me," he would joke. It always brought a laugh from whoever was in earshot.

A hardware store owner and banker by trade, he also served as executive director of the Georgia Public Service Commission in the late 1980s and early 1990s, prior to being hired by the Senate in 1993.


"You can imagine how lonely I feel up here at this moment," Lt. Gov. **Mark Taylor** said from the rostrum on Monday. "Senator **Eldridge** was a great, great friend to every person who has ever held this gavel—because he always wanted the Senate to be at its best—and he worked tirelessly to make sure that we were at our best—and he has helped every one of us personally and professionally and in our public service and he will be dearly missed."

Survivors include his wife **Leland Vining Eldridge**; son **Pete** and his wife **Ann**; daughter **Zeda Matich** and her husband **Walt**; sister **Margaret Denton**; grandchildren **Frannie Sweet**, **Susie Moore** and her husband **Carl**, **Brooke Eldridge**, **Kelly Lee** and husband **Chris** and **Frank Schley Eldridge, IV**; and three great-grandchildren **Peyton**, **Michaela**, and **Zane**.

Many of you will remember that **Frank's** granddaughter **Brooke** worked with her grandfather in the Secretary of the Senate's office during the 2003 legislative session.

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## Amended and amended, Bible bill passes Senate

 tudents in Georgia's public schools will be allowed to study the Bible as a historical document after the Senate passed legislation earlier this month. Senate Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19th introduced Senate Bill 79 last year, and the Senate Education Committee made changes to it at the request of Sen. **Williams**.

Once the bill reached the floor of the Senate, Sen. **Tim Golden** of the 8th, who earlier this Session introduced a similar measure, sought to amend the legislation – but not before Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> offered an amendment to the amendment.



Both amendments passed unanimously, as did the bill – with only one dissention, that of Sen. **Regina Thomas** of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The legislation now goes to the House for debate.

# Child protection registry gets “thumbs up”



On Wednesday, the State Senate approved legislation creating *The Georgia Child, Family and School Communications Protection Act* – establishing a registry for parents and schools to register children’s e-mail addresses in order to protect them from inappropriate or adult content. Senate Bill 425, authored by Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup>, passed the body by unanimous vote.

Under SB 425, the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services will be directed to create the Georgia Child, Family and School Communications Protection Service, which will establish procedures to prevent the use or disclosure of protected contact points, such as an e-mail address or instant messenger ID. Once a parent or guardian registers the child, any person or business will be prohibited from sending the child messages that advertise a product or contain content that a minor is prohibited from purchasing, viewing or otherwise receiving.



Anyone violating the law could be convicted of a felony – punishable by five years in jail and/or a fine of up to \$200,000.

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## Former Sen. Kemp loses his battle with Cancer



Former State Sen. **Rene Kemp** died Saturday, February 4 at St. Joseph’s/Candler Hospital in Savannah following a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 70.

Services for Sen. **Kemp** will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hinesville, and he will be buried in the family plot in his native Swainsboro.



A resident of Hinesville, Sen. **Kemp** served in the State Senate from 1993 until he retired in 2004. He also served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1977 until 1982.

A Democrat, Sen. **Kemp** once chaired the influential Senate Judiciary Committee, and was named chairman of the Senate Special Judiciary Committee after the Republicans captured the Senate in 2003 giving credence to his vast knowledge of Georgia law and sharp legal mind.

While in the House, Kemp sponsored the state's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act aimed at organized crime and drug trafficking; and legislation to allow the wiretapping of the telephones of suspected drug smugglers under certain circumstances.

Sen. **Kemp** planned to run for re-election to the Senate in 2004, but his illness and treatment for it prevented him from doing so. He withdrew from the race to represent Georgia’s First Senate District in September of that year.

# *In Committee Action...*

## Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee will meet Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 425 of the Capitol.

## Appropriations

The Senate Appropriations Committee did not meet this week.

## Banking and Financial Institutions

The Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol.

## Economic Development and Tourism

Chairman **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> and Chairman **Roger Williams** of the 4<sup>th</sup> held a joint meeting of the Senate Lottery Oversight and the House Regulated Industries Committee on Wednesday, February 8. The Committee heard a presentation from **Margaret D'Francisco**, President and CEO of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, along with other members of the Lottery Board. **D'Francisco** gave a brief history of the lottery in the State, and discussed current and upcoming lottery games in detail.

## Education and Youth

The Senate Education and Youth Committee did not meet this week.

## Ethics

The Senate Ethics Committee did not meet this week.

## Finance

On Wednesday, February 8, Chairman **Casey Cagle** of the 49<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order to discuss four House bills. Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28<sup>th</sup> introduced *House Bill 173* on behalf of Rep. **John Lunsford** of the 110<sup>th</sup>. The bill would provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes for qualified non-profits, provided that the property is used primarily for veterans-related purposes. With no discussion, the bill passed unanimously by substitute. Rep. **Rich Golick** of the 54<sup>th</sup> introduced *HB 1080*, which would provide child care tax credits at the state level for a household with two working parents. Following questions from Senators, **Chip Rogers** of the 21<sup>st</sup> and **Bill Heath** of the 31<sup>st</sup>, the bill passed unanimously. *HB 1042* was explained by **Ed Manny** with the Department of Revenue. The bill relates to taxable years for annual accounting periods. Following a question by Sen. **Steve Thompson** of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, the bill passed unanimously. President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> discussed *HB 81*, which provides for continued homestead exemption following the death of one spouse by the surviving spouse. Following some discussion, the bill passed through committee unanimously.

## Health and Human Services

On Wednesday, February 8, Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order to discuss a number of resolutions and one bill. President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> introduced *Senate Resolution 785*, which would create a Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services study committee. Sen. **Johnson** noted that currently there are only four Level I Trauma Centers across the State. Following questions by Sens. **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> and **Renee Unterman** of the 45<sup>th</sup>, the resolution passed unanimously. Sen. **Bill**

**Stephens** of the 27<sup>th</sup> presented *SR 789*, which urges the Department of Community Health and the Health Strategies Council to revise the Perinatal (Obstetric/Newborn Level 1) Service Area 3 to include Forsyth County. He noted that despite the tremendous growth in that county, there is no local facility available for a woman to give birth. With no discussion, the resolution passed out of Committee unanimously. Sen. **Gloria Butler** of the 55<sup>th</sup> discussed the need for *SR 435* which urges the State to work toward passage of legislation establishing a system of stroke care. **Ashley Bell** with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association addressed the Committee, pointing out the need for such a system. Following a question from Sen. **Steve Henson** of the 41<sup>st</sup>, the resolution passed unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup> introduced *Senate Bill 211*, which would expand the prescriptive authority of optometrists to include oral antibiotics, limited to tetracycline, doxycycline, cephalosporin and dicloxacillin. Following questions from the Committee, a number of people spoke against the legislation. Chairman **Thomas** said that the bill required more study and appointed a subcommittee, headed by Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, along with Sens. **Henson** and **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup>.

## Higher Education

The Senate Higher Education Committee did not meet this week.

## Insurance and Labor

Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 8. Representative **Ben Harbin** of the 118<sup>th</sup> spoke to a Senate Committee Substitute to *House Bill 425*, which addresses competition and deceptive acts in the insurance industry. The Senate Committee Substitute clarifies language regarding payment of food and refreshments during sales presentations and group seminars for current or prospective clients. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Regina Thomas** of the 2<sup>nd</sup> presented *Senate Bill 248*, which would require the Department of Labor's (DOL) Division of Rehabilitation Services to oversee the delivery of deaf/blind services and job training provided by a knowledgeable organization. The Committee then heard comments from **Susan Lascek** of the Helen Keller National Center and audience members. The Committee also heard from two DOL representatives about restrictions on federal spending with regard to the division between independent living and job training for the deaf/blind. The bill passed unanimously. Then the Committee heard from **Alan Hays** from the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, who spoke in favor of *SB 384*, which would create an interstate joint public agency to develop uniform standards for insurance product lines. *SB 384* passed unanimously. Chairman **Hudgens** then spoke to a Senate Committee Substitute to *SB 385*, regarding insurers investing in Canada. The substitute clarified a population requirement specific to the most recent Canadian census and cities. The substitute passed through unanimously.

## Interstate Cooperation

The Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee did not meet this week.

## Judiciary

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

## Natural Resources and Environment

The Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee did not meet this week.

## Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Committee was called to order on Wednesday, February 8, by Chairman **Brian Kemp** of the 46<sup>th</sup>. The Committee considered five pieces of legislation, four were unanimously approved. President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> presented *Senate Bill 520*, authorizing the Department of Public Safety to present a gun and a badge to all sworn officers

of the department. *SB 17* was again before the Committee. The proposal from Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17<sup>th</sup> creates uniform requirements for law enforcement vehicles without roof-mounted blue lights. There were minor changes to the bill, including the requirement of an illuminated agency identifier and ensuring that all unmarked cars conform to the standards of the Georgia State Patrol. Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup> presented legislation authorizing a Constitutional Amendment to approve license plates to support agriculture programs in Georgia. *SB 370* creates the plates with the sales benefiting the 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs in Georgia. *House Bill 1052* creates new license plates for wholesale vehicular sellers. The bill was introduced by Sen. **Kemp**. Several auction dealers spoke on behalf of the legislation. *SB 502*, presented by Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30<sup>th</sup>, is a comprehensive rewrite of the state's DUI laws. Several officials spoke on behalf of the bill, including DeKalb County District Attorney **Gwen Keyes-Fleming** and **Bob Dallas**, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Supporters say that the changes to Georgia law will decrease the litigation required to try DUI cases in the state. Defense attorneys argued against the legislation, saying they have issues with the statute. Following the speakers, Chairman **Kemp** decided that the Committee would need more time to examine the legislation.

## Reapportionment and Redistricting

The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

## Regulated Industries and Utilities

The Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee did not meet this week.

## Retirement

The Senate Retirement Committee will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

## Rules

The Senate Rules Committee passed Senate Resolution 764, a measure by Sen. Judson Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, expressing dismay regarding the recent election of Hamas in Palestine and reaffirming support for Israel, at their meeting on Thursday, February 2.

## Science and Technology

On Wednesday, February 8, Chairman **David Shafer** of the 48<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order to discuss *Senate Bill 395* and *SB 455*, which were both in subcommittees. Neither bill was ready to come out of subcommittee. Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18<sup>th</sup>, chairman of the subcommittee on *SB 395*, reported that the subcommittee did not have an opportunity to meet last week. Sen. **Shafer**, chairman of the subcommittee on *SB 455*, reported his subcommittee had met and heard feedback from the public. He planned to introduce a substitute to the Committee at the next meeting, but the substitute was not ready yet. Sen. **Shafer** made an announcement regarding High Tech Day on February 15, with a breakfast and reception.

## Special Judiciary

On Wednesday, February 8, the Committee met to take up *Senate Bill 469*. Chairman **Michael Meyer von Bremen** of the 12<sup>th</sup> asked **Mark Middleton**, of the State Bar of Georgia to present the legislation. The bill updates provisions relating to corporations, partnerships and associations. Middleton noted that the bill was designed to bring Georgia code on track with other states in order to remain competitive in attracting business to incorporate within the state. After some minor changes, the bill passed unanimously as a Committee Substitute.

## **State and Local Governmental Operations**

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

## **State Institutions and Property**

The Senate State Institutions and Property Committee did not meet this week.

## **Transportation**

The Senate Transportation Committee did not meet this week.

## **Veterans and Military Affairs**

The Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee did not meet this week.



# *Georgia State Senate First Readers*

(Friday, February 3 – Wednesday, February 8, 2006)

## *Senate Resolutions:*

- SR 794** Walker, Mr. Greg; commend  
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 795** Wilbanks, Mrs. India Mae "Banksie"; commend  
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 796** Jadick, Dr. Rich; commend  
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22<sup>nd</sup>); **J.B. Powell** (23<sup>rd</sup>); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>);  
**John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>) and **Terrell Starr** (44<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 797** Children's Advocacy Centers Day at the Capitol; February 7, 2006; recognize  
Sens. **Jack Hill** (4<sup>th</sup>); **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>); **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>);  
**Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Preston Smith** (52<sup>nd</sup>); **Brian Kemp** (46<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 798** Sconyers Bar-B-Que; commend  
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 799** Kimbrough, Rev. Dr. Walter L.; commend  
Sens. **Horacena Tate** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Vincent Fort** (39<sup>th</sup>) and **Kasim Reed** (35<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 800** Georgia High School/High Tech Students; commend  
Sen. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 801** CA: Lottery Proceeds; protect to reserve only for tuition grants, scholarships;  
require expenditure of shortfall reserves  
Sens. **Robert Brown**; **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>); **Doug Stoner** (6<sup>th</sup>);  
**David Adelman** (42<sup>nd</sup>); **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>);  
**George Hooks** (14<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Higher Education Committee – 02/03/06*
- SR 802** Leadership Clayton 2006; commend  
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34<sup>th</sup>) and **Terrell Starr** (44<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 803** Rally Foundation; recognizing  
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>); **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>);  
**Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>); **Preston Smith** (52<sup>nd</sup>) and others  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 804** North Fulton Boundary Commission; create  
Sens. **Dan Moody** (56<sup>th</sup>) and **David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/06/06*
- SR 805** Peachtree City Police Department; commend  
Sens. **Ronnie Chance** (16<sup>th</sup>); **Valencia Seay** (34<sup>th</sup>);  
**Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>) and **Eric Johnson** (1<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*



- SR 806** Adjournment; 2006 regular session; Feb. 3, 2006- Feb. 13, 2006  
Sens. **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>); **Eric Johnson** (1<sup>st</sup>);  
**Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>) and **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/03/06*
- SR 807** Still, M.D., Joseph M. Jr.; condolences  
Sens. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24<sup>th</sup>); **Brian Kemp** (46<sup>th</sup>);  
**Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>);  
**J.B. Powell** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and others  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*
- SR 808** Home School Day at the Capitol; declare February 6, 2006  
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*
- SR 809** Batson, Mrs. Kathleen; congratulate  
Sen. **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*
- SR 810** Schaff, Steven; Eagle Scout; recognize  
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*
- SR 811** Torcivia, Nicholas; Eagle Scout; recognize  
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*
- SR 812** Aumann, Samuel; Eagle Scout; commend  
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*
- SR 813** Georgia Farm Bureau Federation; recognizing  
Sens. **John Bulloch** (11<sup>th</sup>); **Ross Tolleson** (20<sup>th</sup>) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47<sup>th</sup>)  
*Read and Adopted – 02/08/06*

### *Senate Bills:*

- SB 506** HOPE Scholarships; set amount for mandatory fees; eligible public  
postsecondary institutions; January 1, 2004  
Sens. **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>); **David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>) and **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>)  
*Higher Education Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 507** Physicians in Rural Areas; priority for certain specialties; revise provisions  
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>); **Preston Smith** (52<sup>nd</sup>); **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>);  
**Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>); **Greg Goggans** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>) and others  
*Health and Human Services Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 508** Richmond County, State Court; change second division's jurisdiction; create  
third division; provide qualifications; election; duties  
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22<sup>nd</sup>) and **J.B. Powell** (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations – 02/03/06*
- SB 509** *Health Insurance Competition/Rate Relief Act*; determination by  
Commissioner; insurance market; competitive manner; provide notice  
Sen. **David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>)  
*Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/03/06*

- SB 510** Natural Resources; river corridors; minimum standards/procedures for protection; change certain provisions  
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>) and **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 511** Controlled Substances; define terms; ban sale of marijuana/hemp flavored candy; provide penalties  
Sens. **Vincent Fort** (39<sup>th</sup>); **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>); **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>); **Dan Moody** (56<sup>th</sup>); **Emanuel Jones** (10<sup>th</sup>) and **Horacena Tate** (38<sup>th</sup>)  
*Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 512** Environmental Advisory Council; review/approval/denial of applications; certain permits/variances; change certain provisions  
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>); **Brian Kemp** (46<sup>th</sup>) and **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 513** ATMs; require use of 9-1-1 emergency call capability  
Sens. **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>); **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>); **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>) and **Jeff Chapman** (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Banking and Financial Institutions Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 514** HOPE Scholarships; add definitions; remove limitations on amount; hour caps; provide requirements to reduce individual awards amount  
Sens. **Robert Brown** (26<sup>th</sup>); **Tim Golden** (8<sup>th</sup>); **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>); **David Adelman** (42<sup>nd</sup>); **Curt Thompson** (5<sup>th</sup>); **Doug Stoner** (6<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Higher Education Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 515** *Quality Basic Education Act*; expand grades of eligibility for remedial education program  
Sens. **Dan Moody** (56<sup>th</sup>); **Dan Weber** (40<sup>th</sup>); **John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>); **Terrell Starr** (44<sup>th</sup>) and **Don Thomas** (54<sup>th</sup>)  
*Education and Youth Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 516** Natural Resources; local governments shall not be denied state funding; failure to adopt stricter standards for certain streams/reservoir buffers  
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51<sup>st</sup>); **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>) and **Chip Rogers** (21<sup>st</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 517** Voters Registration; Secretary of State; annually compare electors list with federal databases; ensure accuracy  
Sens. **Bill Stephens** (27<sup>th</sup>) and **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 518** Buford Visitors Bureau Authority; create; promote tourism; provide for appointment; compensation; general powers; regulations  
Sens. **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>) and **Casey Cagle** (49<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 519** Suwanee Gateway Visitors Bureau Authority; create; promote tourism; appointment; compensation; provide general powers; regulations  
Sen. **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/03/06*
- SB 520** Public Safety, Board of; authorize to provide badge/revolver to sworn officers; uniforms/equipment; Uniform Division; change provisions  
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1<sup>st</sup>); **Brian Kemp** (46<sup>th</sup>); **John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>) and **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/03/06*

- SB 521** Sex Offenses; aggravating circumstances beyond reasonable doubt; provide enhanced penalties/civil commitment  
Sen. **Preston Smith** (52<sup>nd</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 02/06/06*
- SB 522** Amy's Law; deposition of delinquent acts; change certain provisions  
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30<sup>th</sup>);  
**Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>) and **Renee Unterman** (45<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 02/06/06*
- SB 523** License Plates; special; honoring family members of service members killed in action; issuance; renewal; fees  
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25<sup>th</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>); **John Douglas** (17<sup>th</sup>); **Nancy Schaefer** (50<sup>th</sup>); **Seth Harp** (29<sup>th</sup>); **Cecil Staton** (18<sup>th</sup>) and others  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/06/06*
- SB 524** Counties/Municipal Corporations; noise related ordinances  
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53<sup>rd</sup>); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28<sup>th</sup>);  
**George Hooks** (14<sup>th</sup>) and **Ronnie Chance** (16<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/06/06*

### *House Bills:*

- HB 476** Superior Court Clerks' Retirement; amend provisions  
Reps. **Robert Mumford** (95<sup>th</sup>) and **Bill Cummings** (16<sup>th</sup>)  
*Retirement Committee – 02/06/05*
- HB 594** Bail bonds; fees of sureties  
Reps. **Howard Maxwell** (17<sup>th</sup>); **Bill Hembree** (67<sup>th</sup>); **Joe Heckstall** (62<sup>nd</sup>);  
**Jack Murphy** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and **Nikki Randall** (138<sup>th</sup>)  
*Special Judiciary Committee – 02/03/06*
- HB 692** Probation; terms and conditions; amend  
Reps. **Ellis Black** (174<sup>th</sup>); **Mark Hatfield** (177<sup>th</sup>); **Gerald Green** (149<sup>th</sup>);  
**Chuck Sims** (169<sup>th</sup>); **Jay Shaw** (176<sup>th</sup>) and **Larry O'Neal** (146<sup>th</sup>)  
*Judiciary Committee – 02/03/06*
- HB 728** *Mattie's Call Act*; enact  
Reps. **Bobby Franklin** (43<sup>rd</sup>); **Tyrone Brooks** (63<sup>rd</sup>); **Sheila Jones** (44<sup>th</sup>);  
**Sharon Cooper** (41<sup>st</sup>); **Len Walker** (107<sup>th</sup>) and **Karla Drenner** (86<sup>th</sup>)  
*Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/08/06*
- HB 912** Civil practice; production of documents; amend provisions  
Rep. **Barry Fleming** (117<sup>th</sup>)  
*Special Judiciary Committee – 02/08/06*
- HB 1026** Supplemental appropriations; FY 2005-2006  
Reps. **Glenn Richardson** (19<sup>th</sup>); **Rich Golick** (34<sup>th</sup>); **Ben Harbin** (118<sup>th</sup>);  
**Jay Roberts** (154<sup>th</sup>); **Jerry Keen** (179<sup>th</sup>) and **Don Parsons** (42<sup>nd</sup>)  
*Appropriations Committee – 02/03/06*
- HB 1042** Annual accounting periods; treatment of taxable years; amend provisions  
Reps. **Roger Williams** (4<sup>th</sup>); **Tom Dickson** (6<sup>th</sup>) and **Ronald Forster** (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
*Finance Committee – 02/03/06*
- HB 1052** Motor vehicles; distinguishable transporter license plate; provisions  
Reps. **Jack Murphy** (23<sup>rd</sup>);  
**Tom Rice** (51<sup>st</sup>) and **Sharon Beasley-Teague** (65<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1059** Sexual offenders; punishment; registration requirements; change provisions  
Reps. **Jerry Keen** (179<sup>th</sup>); **David Ralston** (7<sup>th</sup>); **Mark Burkhalter** (50<sup>th</sup>);  
**Allen Freeman** (140<sup>th</sup>); **Mable Thomas** (55<sup>th</sup>) and **Barry Fleming** (117<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1080** Income tax credit; qualified child and dependent care expenses; provide  
Reps. **Rich Golick** (34<sup>th</sup>); **Jay Roberts** (154<sup>th</sup>); **Harry Geisinger** (48<sup>th</sup>);  
**Allen Freeman** (140<sup>th</sup>); **Jill Chambers** (81<sup>st</sup>) and **Vince Smith** (129<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1085** Finfish; certain species; open seasons, creel, and possession limits; amend  
Reps. **Bob Lane** (158<sup>th</sup>); **Burke Day** (163<sup>rd</sup>); **Cecily Hill** (180<sup>th</sup>);  
**Al Williams** (165<sup>th</sup>); **Roger Lane** (167<sup>th</sup>) and **Jon Burns** (157<sup>th</sup>)  
*Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/06/06*
- HB 1142** Seminole County; office of sheriff; fill vacancies  
Rep. **Gerald Greene** (149<sup>th</sup>)  
*State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/03/06*
- HB 1143** Dublin, City of; board of education; provide additional authority  
Rep. **DuBose Porter** (143<sup>rd</sup>)  
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- HB 1155** Coffee County Board of Education; chairperson and vice chairperson; select  
Rep. **Chuck Sims** (149<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1159** Lumpkin County; Board of Elections and Registration; change provisions  
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Reps. **Rob Teilhet** (40<sup>th</sup>); **Steve Tumlin** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Terry Johnson** (37<sup>th</sup>);  
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**Harry Geisinger** (48<sup>th</sup>) and **Edward Lindsey** (54<sup>th</sup>)  
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- HB 1199** McIntosh County; probate judge; magistrate court; provisions  
Rep. **Roger Lane** (167<sup>th</sup>)  
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Reps. **Steve Tumlin** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Rich Golick** (34<sup>th</sup>); **Matt Dollar** (45<sup>th</sup>);  
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- HB 1202** Cobb County Board of Commissioners; compensation; change provisions  
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